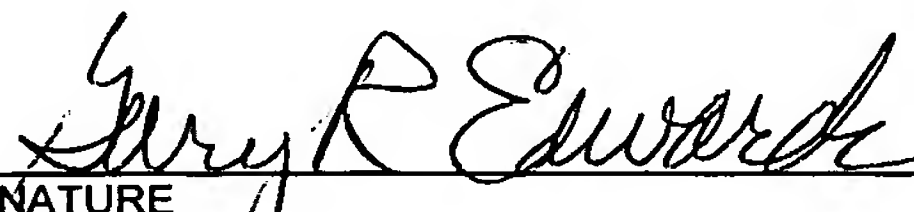


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">095309.57356US</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">PCT/EP2004/08778</div>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">August 5, 2004</div>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">August 7, 2003</div>
TITLE OF INVENTION <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">CONNECTION BETWEEN TWO PARTS, AND ASSOCIATED CONNECTION METHOD</div>			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Konrad EIPPER, et al.</div>			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/>	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The US has been elected (Article 31). A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/>	is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. Is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).		
6. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/>	is attached hereto. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
7. <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/>	are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. have not been made and will not be made.		
8. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).		
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). (Two (2) pages).		
10. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:			
11. <input type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.		
12. <input type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
13. <input type="checkbox"/>	A preliminary amendment.		
14. <input type="checkbox"/>	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.		
15. <input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.		
16. <input type="checkbox"/>	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.		
17. <input type="checkbox"/>	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.		
18. <input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
19. <input type="checkbox"/>	A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).		
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other items or information: A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements dated July 12, 2006.		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/567,468		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/08778		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 095309.57356US	
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic national fee (37 C.F.R. §1.492(a)).....	\$300.00	\$	
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All other situations				\$200.00	
23.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Search fee (37 C.F.R. §1.492(b))			
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)				\$0	
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....				\$100	
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB				\$400	
All other situations				\$500	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.					
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$	
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<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. 095309.57356US) in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. 095309.57356US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p>					
<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>Crowell & Moring, LLP Intellectual Property Group P.O. Box 14300 Washington, D.C. 20044-4300 Tel. No. (202) 624-2500 Fax No. (202) 628-8844</p> <p>GRE/stw (doc no. 2837456v1)</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>SIGNATURE Gary R. Edwards</p> <p>NAME 31,824</p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER August 31, 2006</p> <p>DATE</p>		



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/07/2006
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/07/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/07/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/07/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/07/2006
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- Priority Documents filed on 02/07/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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